



City of Santa Barbara  
Building & Safety Division  
**JESUSITA & TEA FIRE**  
**Reuse of Slabs/Footings**

Community Development  
630 Garden Street  
805-564-5485

Under certain conditions, concrete slabs and footings may be re-used to rebuild on.

The following are the tests required to be conducted by a testing agency to verify that the concrete may be re-used;

1. Core samples of slab and footings for compression strengths.
2. Testing and visual observation to determine amount and extent of any spalling or cracking of the foundation.
3. Pull tests of **10%** of existing anchor bolts and **ALL** hold-down bolts if being reused.
4. **PLEASE NOTE:** Unless the home was permitted under the 2001 Calif Bldg Code, the existing foundation/footings will need to meet the requirements for the current, 2007 Calif Bldg Code (Seismic Design Category "E"). X-rays for rebar size and spacing (if the City approved archived plans do not show a sufficient level of detail) may be used to determine this.
5. A letter from the project engineer, indicating that the existing slab, foundation and/or anchor bolts and hold-downs will provide adequate strength for the proposed project, based on the tests conducted, shall be submitted along with the test results at time of permit application.

The following companies/test labs may be contacted for further information about the testing process.

Braun & Assoc	805-688-5429
BTC Labs	805-656-5429
Coast Valley Testing	805-964-3509
Earth Systems	805-642-6727
Pacific Materials Lab	805-964-6901
Geo Solutions	805-614-6333
GSI Soils Inc	805-349-0140